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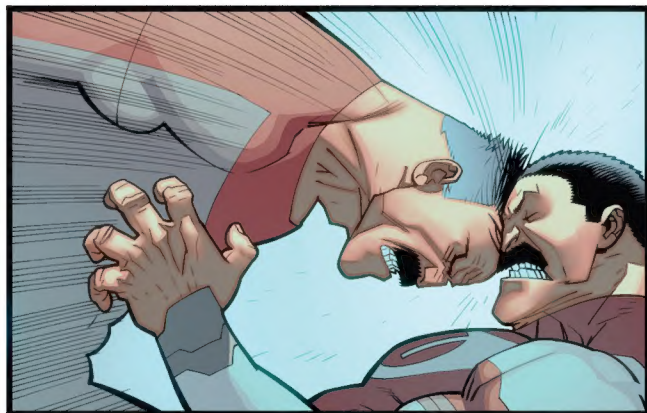
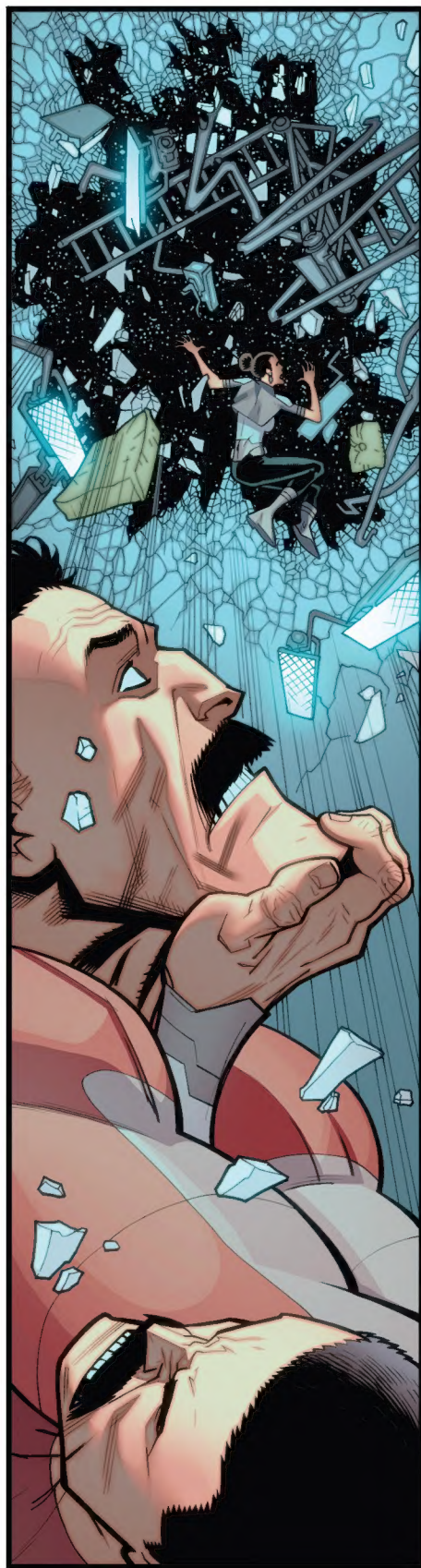
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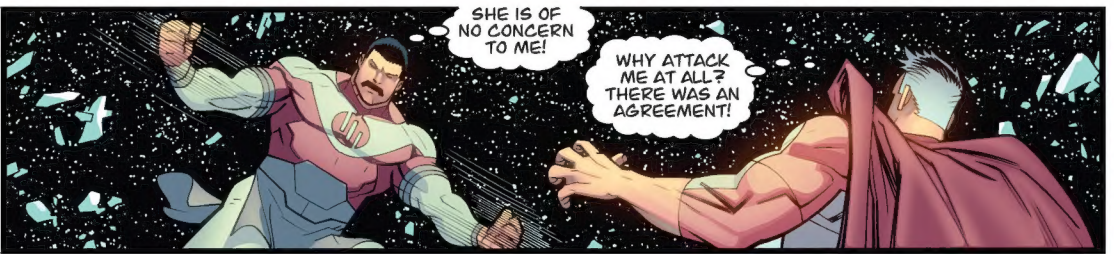
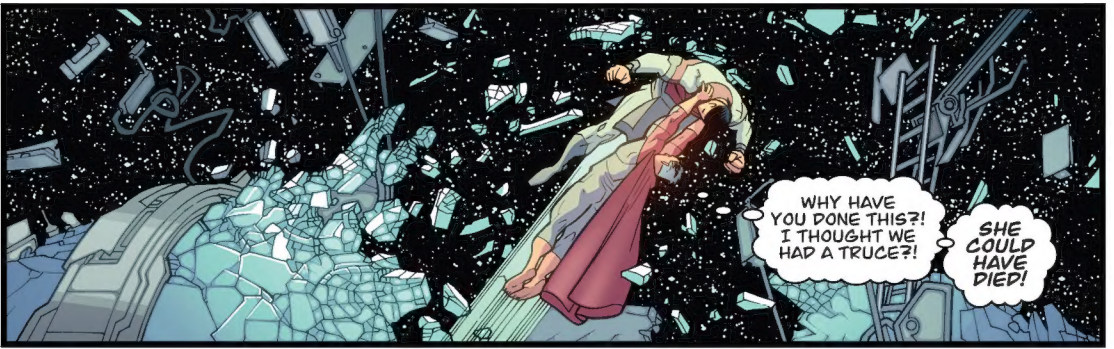
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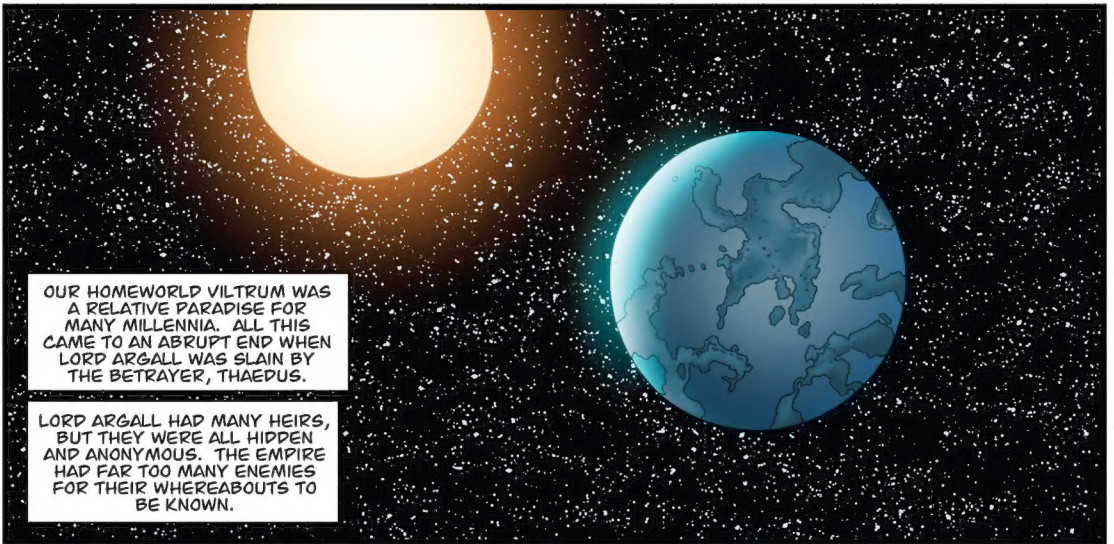






BEFORE YOU
DIE... YOU MIGHT
AS WELL KNOW
THE TRUTH.

LET ME TELL
YOU WHERE YOU
REALLY COME
FROM.



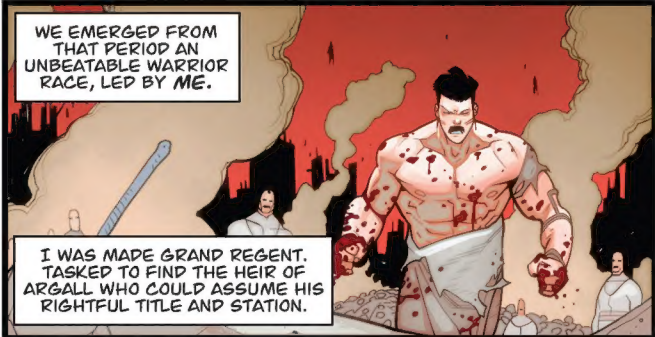
OUR HOMEWORLD VILTRUM WAS A RELATIVE PARADISE FOR MANY MILLENNIA. ALL THIS CAME TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN LORD ARGALL WAS SLAIN BY THE BETRAYER, THAEDUS.

LORD ARGALL HAD MANY HEIRS, BUT THEY WERE ALL HIDDEN AND ANONYMOUS. THE EMPIRE HAD FAR TOO MANY ENEMIES FOR THEIR WHEREABOUTS TO BE KNOWN.



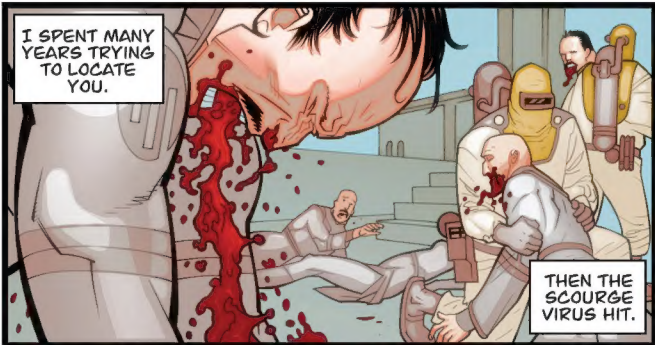
IN THE CHAOS FOLLOWING ARGALL'S DEATH, THE HEIRS WERE LOST. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE THEM, BUT THE POPULATION HAD DECIDED TO CULL THE WEAK IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A NEW RULER. VIOLENCE ERUPTED ACROSS THE PLANET.

HUNDREDS OF YEARS PASSED... IT WAS A DARK PERIOD OF UNREST.



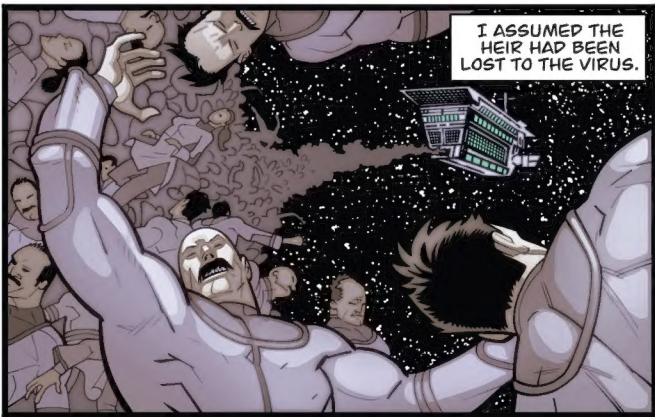
WE EMERGED FROM THAT PERIOD AN UNBEATABLE WARRIOR RACE, LED BY ME.

I WAS MADE GRAND REGENT. TASKED TO FIND THE HEIR OF ARGALL WHO COULD ASSUME HIS RIGHTFUL TITLE AND STATION.

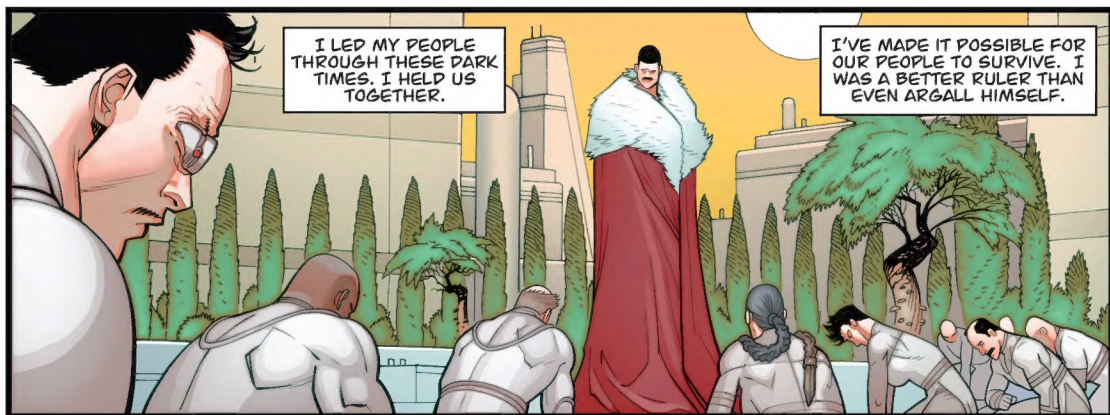


I SPENT MANY YEARS TRYING TO LOCATE YOU.

THEN THE SCOURGE VIRUS HIT.



I ASSUMED THE HEIR HAD BEEN LOST TO THE VIRUS.



I LED MY PEOPLE THROUGH THESE DARK TIMES. I HELPED US TOGETHER.

I'VE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR OUR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE. I WAS A BETTER RULER THAN EVEN ARGALL HIMSELF.



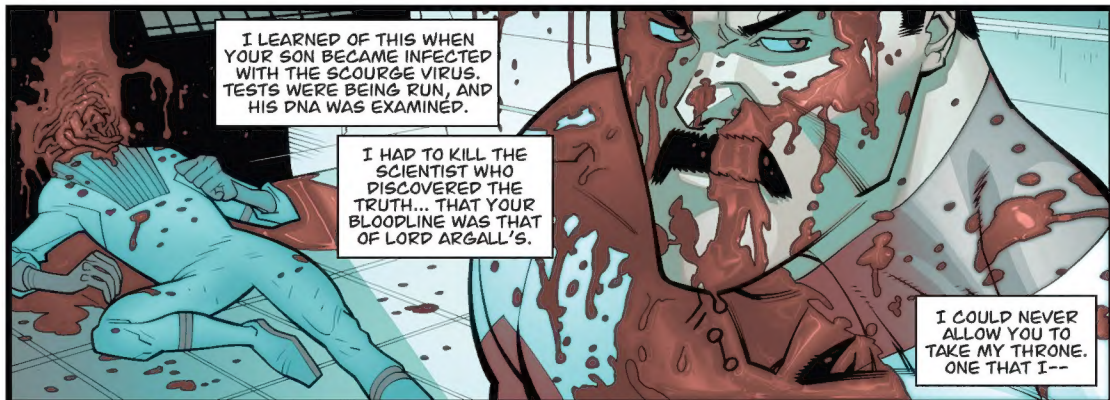
STILL, THROUGHOUT IT ALL, I'VE KEPT ARGALL'S SKULL BY MY SIDE... A REMINDER OF HOW EASILY I COULD LOSE MY COMMAND.

I CEASED ALL ATTEMPTS TO FIND THE HEIR. I FELT I'D EARNED MY PLACE AS RULER, EVEN IF YOU'D SOMEHOW SURVIVED.



CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW **DISGUSTED** I WAS TO LEARN THAT YOU, WHO SIDED WITH THE BETRAYER, THAEPUS---WHO **MURDERED** YOUR FATHER, WAS THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF THE VILTRUM EMPIRE?!

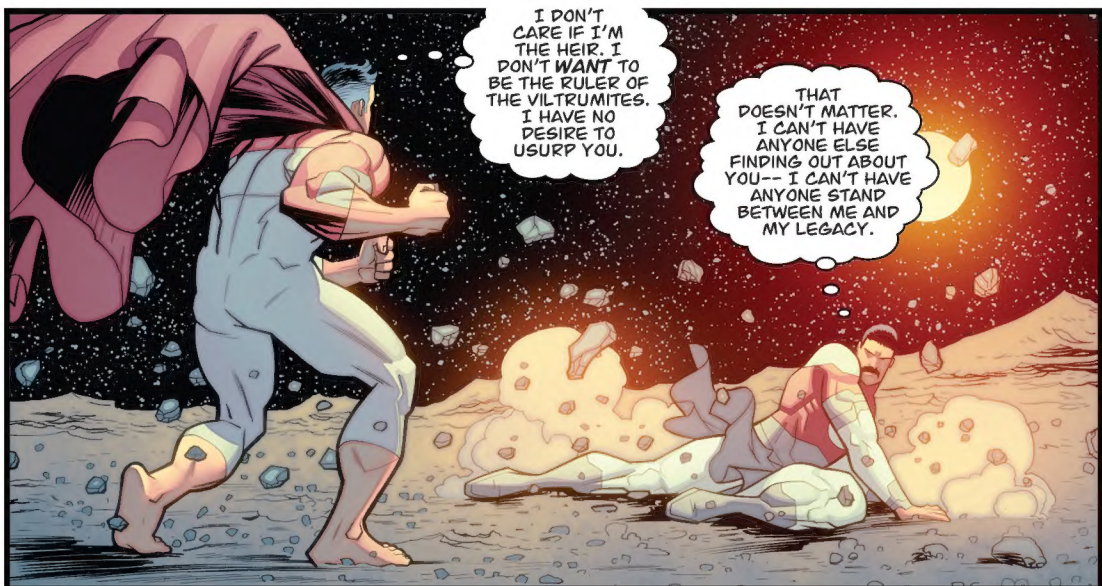
YOU, WHO DESTROYED OUR HOME PLANET!

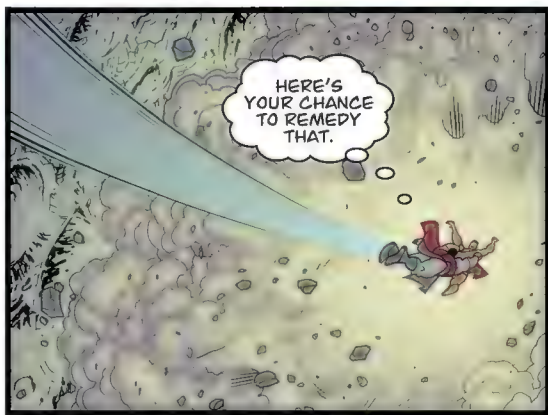


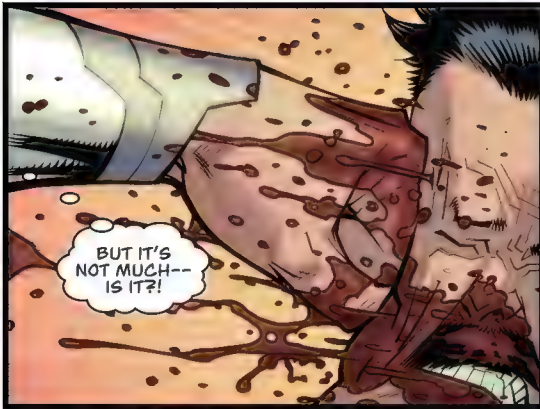
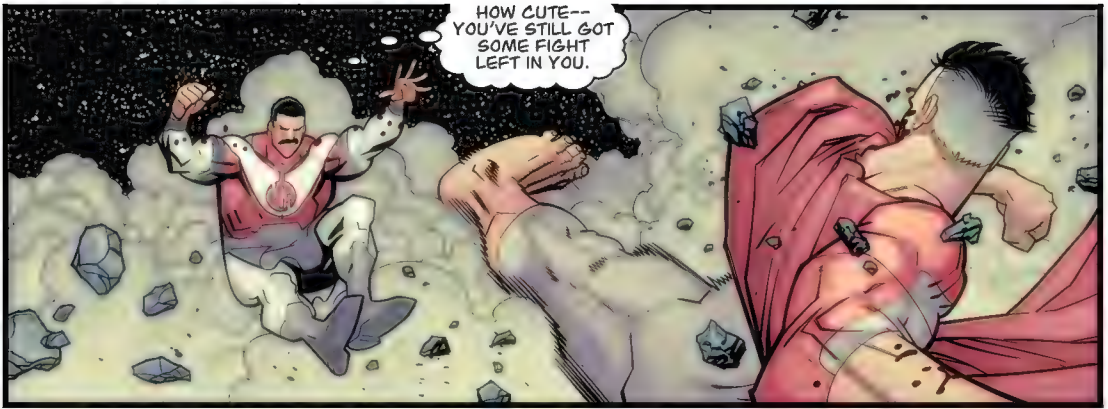
I LEARNED OF THIS WHEN YOUR SON BECAME INFECTED WITH THE SCOURGE VIRUS. TESTS WERE BEING RUN, AND HIS DNA WAS EXAMINED.

I HAD TO KILL THE SCIENTIST WHO DISCOVERED THE TRUTH... THAT YOUR BLOODLINE WAS THAT OF LORD ARGALL'S.

I COULD NEVER ALLOW YOU TO TAKE MY THRONE. ONE THAT I--





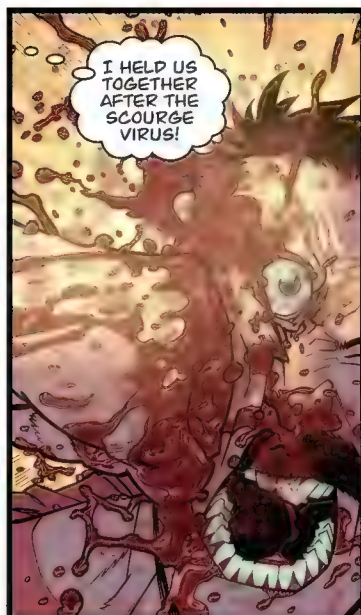




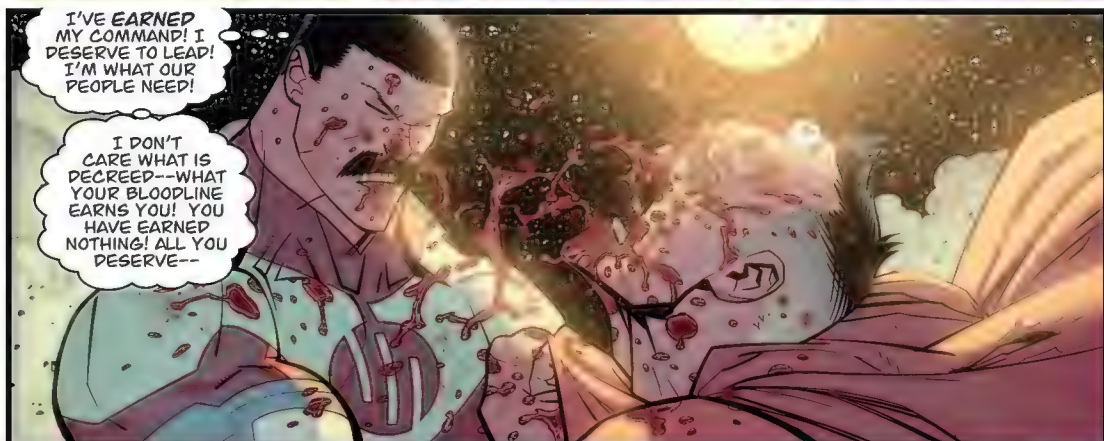
IT WAS I
WHO KEPT OUR
CIVILIZATION
GROWING!



I DROVE OUR
PEOPLE FURTHER
THAN ARGALL
EVER DID.

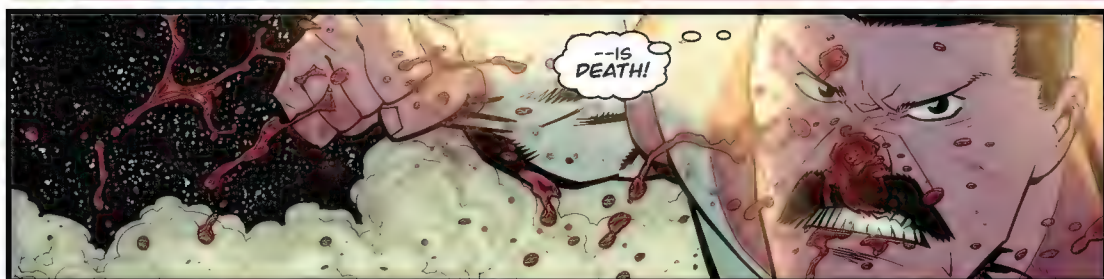


I HELD US
TOGETHER
AFTER THE
SCOURGE
VIRUS!



I'VE EARNED
MY COMMAND! I
DESERVE TO LEAD!
I'M WHAT OUR
PEOPLE NEED!

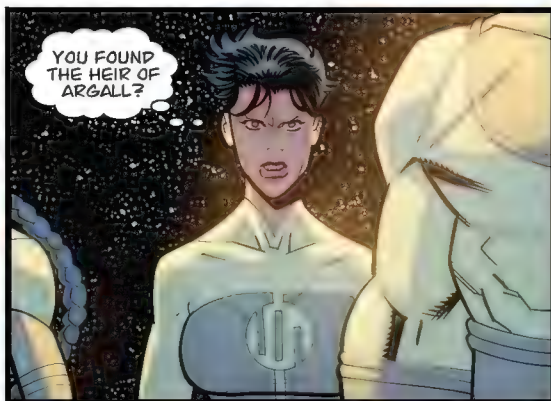
I DON'T
CARE WHAT IS
DECREED--WHAT
YOUR BLOODLINE
EARNS YOU! YOU
HAVE EARNED
NOTHING! ALL YOU
DESERVE--



--IS
DEATH!







YOU FOUND
THE HEIR OF
ARGALL?



AND HE IS WEAK!
LOOK AT HIM
BEFORE YOU! HE
IS NOT WORTHY
OF--



IT WAS NEVER ARGALL'S
STRENGTH WE FOLLOWED!
IT WAS HIS WISDOM!

THAT YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND THAT
SHOWS HOW FOOLISH
WE WERE TO EVER
FOLLOW YOU!



YOU WILL DIE FOR
THIS BETRAYAL! I
CALL FOR THE RITE
OF EXECUTION!

NO!

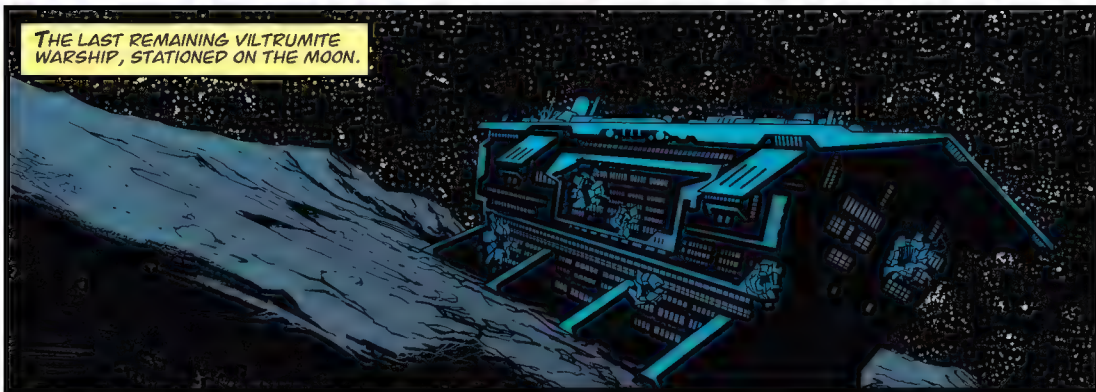


LET HIM
LIVE.





THE LAST REMAINING VILTRUMITE
WARSHIP, STATIONED ON THE MOON.



YOU WILL
FORGIVE ME
IF I MAKE THIS
SOMEWHAT
BRIEF.

WE ARE ALL
RECEIVING A
STARTLING BIT OF
NEWS THIS DAY.
WE'VE LEARNED THAT
THE HEIR OF ARGALL
HAS BEEN FOUND...
AND THAT I AM
THAT HEIR.

IT WAS NEVER
MY DESIRE TO
LEAD, BUT WHO AM
I TO DENY MY
BIRTHRIGHT? I'VE
NEVER SKIRTED
RESPONSIBILITY AND
I'M NOT ABOUT TO
START DOING
THAT NOW.

I STAND
BEFORE YOU
NOW, EMPEROR
NOLAN, RULER OF
THE VILTRUM
EMPIRE.



SOME OF YOU
KNOW ME TO BE A
TRAITOR... AN
ENEMY OF THE
EMPIRE. I SEE
THINGS A DIFFERENT
WAY AND I EXPECT
YOU TO NOW DO
THE SAME.

FOR TOO
LONG OUR
EMPIRE HAS
EXPANDED
OUTWARD,
FOCUSING ON THIS
EXPANSION... AND
THE DOMINATION
OF OTHER
WORLDS.

ALL THE
WHILE, WE AS
A PEOPLE...
HAVE BEEN
WITHERING.

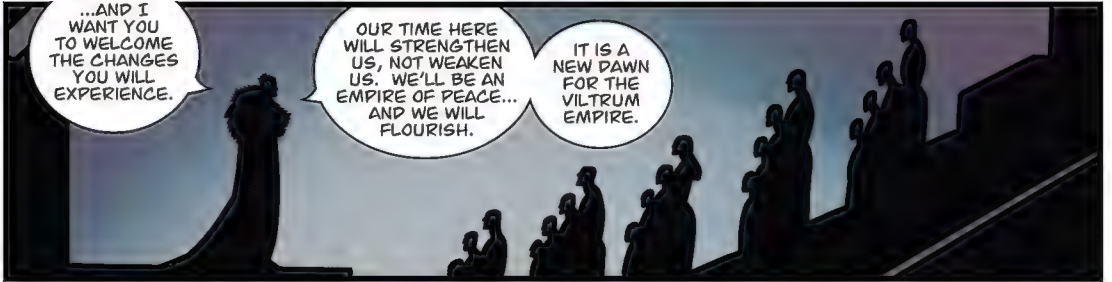




GRAND REGENT
THRAGE WAS
RIGHT TO BRING
YOU HERE, RIGHT TO
FOCUS ON OUR
REPOPULATION...

...RIGHT
TO ALLOW US
TO INTERACT
WITH THE HUMAN
POPULATION OF
THIS PLANET.

I KNOW
WE HAVE
ALREADY BEGUN
TO LEARN A NEW
WAY OF LIFE FROM
THESE PEOPLE...
THAT WILL
CONTINUE...



...AND I
WANT YOU
TO WELCOME
THE CHANGES
YOU WILL
EXPERIENCE.

OUR TIME HERE
WILL STRENGTHEN
US, NOT WEAKEN
US. WE'LL BE AN
EMPIRE OF PEACE...
AND WE WILL
FLOURISH.

IT IS A
NEW DAWN
FOR THE
VILTRUM
EMPIRE.

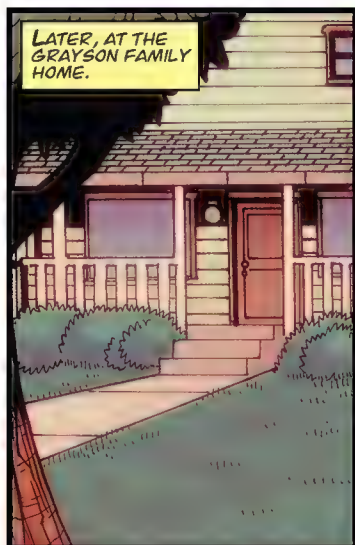


THANK
YOU.

NOW
IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME...
I'M GOING TO
NEED A COUPLE
DAYS TO
HEAL.



THIS
IS SO
WEIRD.



LATER, AT THE GRAYSON FAMILY HOME.



I THINK WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TALK ABOUT THIS LATER... FOR NOW, I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE.

YEAH... UH... I'M A LITTLE SPENT. THANKS FOR TAKING ME UP THERE.



YOU OKAY WITH THIS?



ME? YEAH. MY DAD'S IN CHARGE. THAT'S GREAT... I GUESS. IF I HAD TO PICK A GOOD LEADER TO KEEP THE VILTRUMITES IN CHECK... WHO BETTER, RIGHT?

IT'S JUST... WEIRD.

I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO TALK TO HIM WHILE I WAS UP THERE. HE WAS USHERED OFF TO SOME HEALING CHAMBER BY VILTRUMTIES WHO ALMOST KILLED BOTH OF US NOT SO LONG AGO...



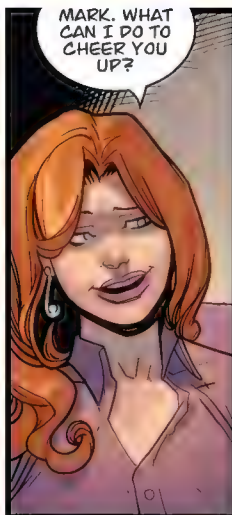
PART OF ME IS THINKING... IS HE AN EVIL GENIUS? WAS THIS ALL PART OF HIS PLAN? WAS HE BIDDING HIS TIME UNTIL TAKING OVER... LEADING ME ALONG EVER SINCE HE TRIED TO TAKE OVER EARTH?

THAT'S ALMOST TOO SCARY TO CONSIDER.

I COULDN'T SEE THAT... NOT AFTER THE TIME I'VE SPENT WITH HIM.



YEAH. SAME HERE.



MARK. WHAT CAN I DO TO CHEER YOU UP?



I'M FINE, REALLY. I'M NOT SAD, OR UPSET... JUST... OVERWHELMED. IT'S JUST... IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN.

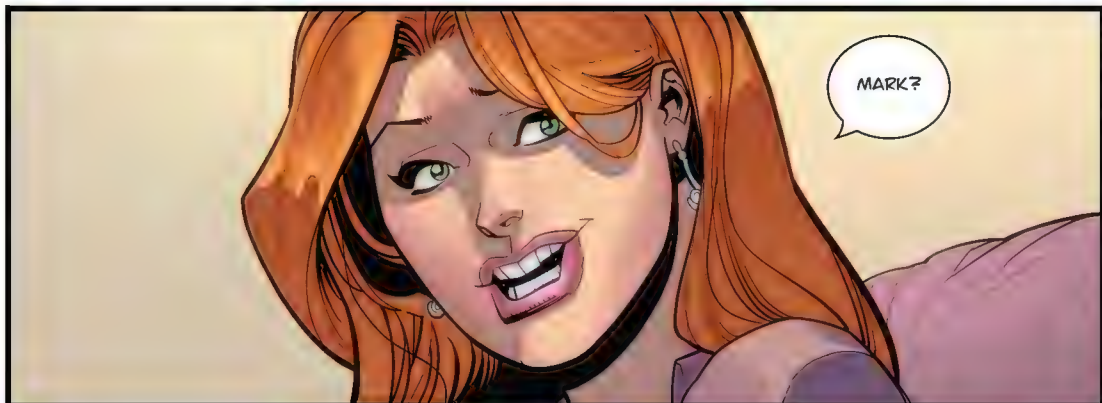
SO MUCH IS CHANGING, SO FAST. IT'S JUST TOO MUCH. IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF.

SOMETIMES WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW... **DIFFERENT** THINGS ARE...

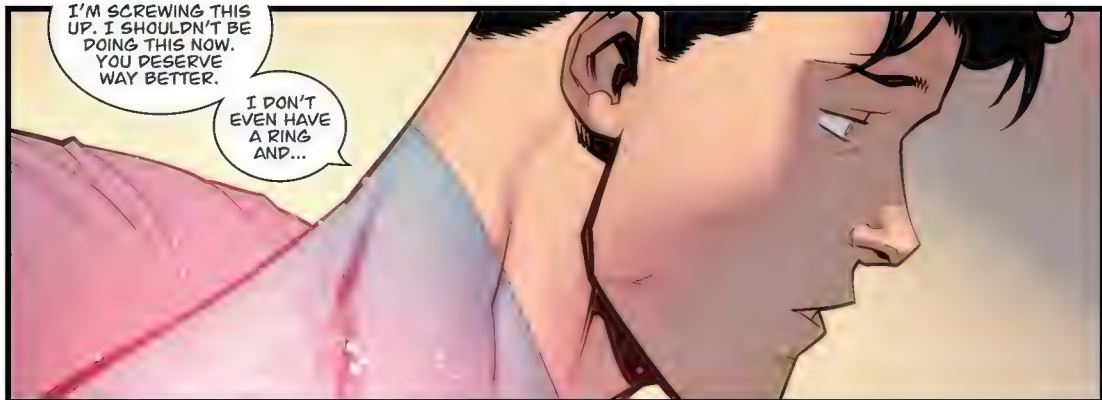


I KNOW THINGS WILL NEVER GO BACK TO HOW THEY WERE... BUT SOMETIMES, I JUST THINK... CAN'T I GO BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL? WHEN MY DAD WAS JUST MY DAD... BEFORE I EVEN HAD POWERS. BUT THEN I REALIZE... THAT WAS BEFORE I MET YOU.

YOU'RE THE ONE CONSTANT IN MY LIFE, EVE. THE THING I KNOW WILL ALWAYS BE THERE... AT LEAST... I WANT YOU TO ALWAYS BE THERE.

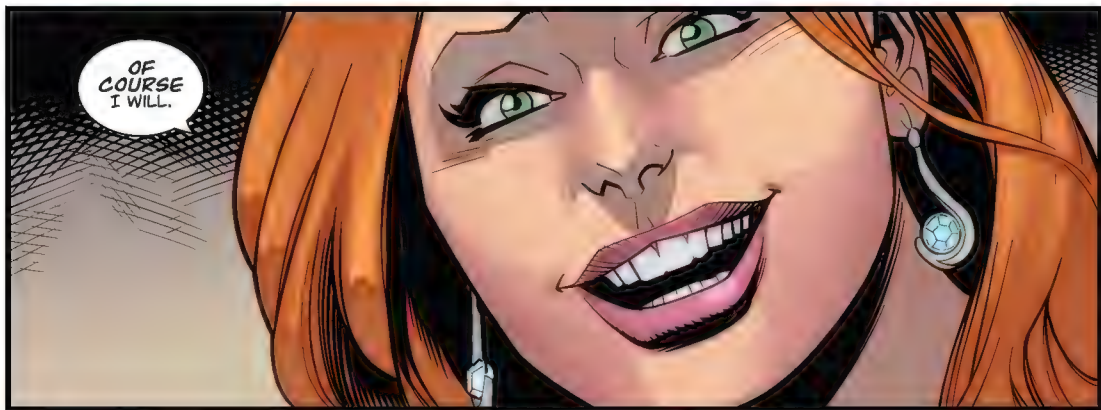


MARK?



I'M SCREWING THIS UP. I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS NOW. YOU DESERVE WAY BETTER.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A RING AND...



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PEN INVINCIBLE

To celebrate INVINCIBLE #100, we're going to print 100 letters! No joke!

Oh, boy... I shouldn't say much so I don't take up too much room...

I DECLARE SHENANIGANS! NO SCIENCE DOG? BLASPHEMY.

Sincerely,
Adam Palmer

As editor I declared first rite of shenanigans months ago...but that Science Dog story (which ran in INVINCIBLE's anniversary issues—#25, #50 and #75) was finished and collected in the SCIENCE DOG hardcover. As for more Dog...hmmmm...

Yes, the story did complete... so it's out there. I do recommend you ask your retailer to order that hardcover for you... please.

NO, NO, NO! You can't switch clones! That's what Pauly Shore did in Pauly Shore Is Dead. It wasn't good in 2003 and it is still not good in 2013. The whole last minute revelation that Dinosaurus could teleport was also very hard to swallow. I thought that one of the first rules of writing was that, a coincidence that's bad for the character is fine, but coincidence that's good for the character is unacceptable. No clones! No doorway teleportation! You should have just killed TWD SPOILER again.

That said, I'm sure I'll be happy with the direction the book takes in the next few issues. It's a great book and I look forward to picking it up every month. ("Why can't you guys put out three issues a month-WAH! I don't understand how much work goes into comics!") It's been fun to watch the artwork evolve over the years, you have an excellent team. Thanks for 100 great issues. I'm not into the big event issues but I must admit Mark's head exploding was pretty cool...

Will Towles

Thanks! Yeah, the head exploding thing would have been cooler if it had been real. I'll admit that. BUT it would have made for a REALLY cool issue 100 and a REALLY not cool issues 101-9000 (or however long this book is going to go). Trust me. There's some really cool stuff for Mark coming up.

Penvincipals,

Issue 100 leaves me feeling...off. I'm having a difficult time articulating how I feel. It was about halfway through the issue when I stopped and just really considered what I was reading. The more I thought about it the more I realized that the characters just aren't who they used to be. I understand that characters, just like real humans, adapt and change. Their circumstances alter who they are and "you can never go home," but it feels wrong to me.

With so much catastrophe and chaos and bloodshed in the pages of INVINCIBLE, I can't imagine how a single person in this world can live without being paralyzed with unsubiding fear. Four years have passed, roughly, in the invincible Universe and millions upon millions of humans have died in catastrophe. Omni-Man's attack, the repeated alien invasions (in the pages of BRIT and INVINCIBLE), the Invincible War (where are those guys?), Conquest, The Squids, the destruction of Paris, Las Vegas, the most recent Flaxan invasion, Los Angeles, the tidal waves. And with the return of GUARDING THE GLOBE and the beginning of INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE, could it be too much?

Well, when you put it like that...

Not that I am offended by violence. I wrote you upon the release of "Conquest" and that is still one of my favorite arcs in the series. Perhaps, I am Mark Grayson and need to take off my own "Dark Suit" and have an issue of "Jefferson Returns".

I love you all,

Jefferson Ferguson

Mark has hardly been unaffected/unengaged by the violence perpetuated by and upon him... but is this universe any less desensitized to violence than ours? I am not going to get into how much war, terrorism, natural disasters and random violence impact us in the real world... but if all

this violence has gotten you to embrace your Jefferson Returns era, more power to you. End of the day, we want a happier reader!

I'm just going to say there are lighter issues ahead... and there will always be lighter issues ahead... it's just sometimes they're kind of far away.

Hi Fuzzy Wuzzy,

Re: Invincible #100. Didn't you say you weren't going to do any more fake deaths in INVINCIBLE? I can't remember where you said it, but you did say it. Your defense (in the letter column for #100) for Mark's fake death is that you were trying to play with superhero tropes, and, I guess, in some sense, you achieved your aim.

I remember when Robert said I'd get a raise and crazy bonuses. I can't remember where he said it, but he did say it.

Yeah... I go to the fake death well a lot... it's one of my weaknesses as a writer. I just... y'know... have a good reason for it every time. So I was really hesitant to do that in issue 100... but I really wanted to play up the dying in an anniversary issue and coming back really quickly thing that superhero comics do all the time.

But it wasn't very effective, given that you'd categorically stated you wouldn't be using this trope again. In the first few pages of #100, it seemed like you'd made a bold move -- and I believed it was a bold move, because you had said deaths would mean something in INVINCIBLE.

Maybe I was trying to trick you?

Now it just seems like you chickened out, did nothing, and gave us a pretty cliché comic reading experience. So it was condensed to one issue? That's not exactly as bold as killing your lead character. It just seems like such a letdown after what we thought you had done. True, it would have been difficult to continue the story without Mark; but that's what would have made it such an interesting story. Even the glimpses we get of Eve, Nolan and Debbie dealing with Mark's death indicate how strong and powerful the story could have been.

It's just one of those things. I understand how it SEEMS like it would be cooler if he had died... but I assure you, that's because you don't know what's coming up.

Oh well. At least the death of Dinosaurus was exciting. The fact that Mark coldly kills a surrendered opponent, after having only pages earlier vehemently disavowed killing, is great in itself; but it was a particularly inspired idea to cut to Mark having already done the deed, so that we as readers instantaneously lose any hope of mercy on Mark's part. (Unless, of course, you're just "playing with tropes" or some such chicken-%\$*@ bull!\$*@ again -- which we're always going to have to be on the lookout for now.)

Okay, now you're just being mean.

Anyway, Ryan's art was great.

Cheers,

Matthew George

Ryan's art IS great—and Matthew George really cares about death. Bloodthirsty or just desensitized—you decide! Just wait for your Matthew Returns phase to kick in! It'll be a blast.

Robert,

A lot of people are going to read INVINCIBLE #100. A lot of people are going to like it. A lot of people are going to praise you here in the letter column; I'm having none of that! Instead, I'll critique what went wrong, if anything did.

Man... I honestly don't think we're going to print ONE positive letter this month. MACKIEWICZ!!

A million covers to this issue...and they All, I think, show 'Vince vs. Dinosaurus. Okay...Why? There Was No Fight. It was a clone of Invincible that

got, and I quote, "Squorrk!"-ed on the first page. Later, Dinosaurus let Mark Grayson kill him...off panel.

"The Death of Everyone"? Not hardly. Outside of Dinosaurus, I don't think any major characters were killed this issue. A lot of fictional, nameless, faceless people got killed...(again, off panel)...that's about it. And that's happened before, too, in Vegas.

Still it was a good, landmark issue that restarts the status quo as far as Cecil and Mark go, makes Mark grow up a lot as far as a baby goes, and sets the stage I assume for INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE! I'm not so hot on the name change there, but if it's by the same team as GUARDING THE GLOBE I'm all for it. Could it be that you actually took my advice, in the INVINCIBLE #100 letter column, to actually explore the, well, Invincible universe by way of another spin-off?!

This has been in the works WAY longer than your letter. But you got to give the people what they want.

How about making a love triangle between Mark, Eve and somebody else, somebody new? Now may not be the best time for that, sure...but still. I think new blood, ideas, planets need to be added like with any long-running series, don't you? Anyhow, I think I hear Battle Beast calling--gotta go!

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Shaw

BATTLE BEASTING!

Soon.

Penvincipals!!!

I just wanted to say thanks for totally murdering any chance I had of doing well in school! Seriously!!! I just spent the whole weekend catching up on INVINCIBLE as I had fallen quite behind. Seriously I just couldn't put it down. And now that I'm caught up I'm sooo disappointed cause I have to wait a month to get the next issue! Jeezz.

Anyway, issue 100 was amazing. I loved Dinosaurus and I'm excited that Mark will be working with Cecil again but a little worried too. Also Eve is prego again! Holy man this girl must be fertile! But I'm excited to see where that goes. Is the kid gonna have powers?

So what's INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE all about?

It's about what happens after Dinosaurus tries to annihilate a significant portion of the population. It's about a man who tries to rebuild the world from behind the scenes. It's about villains and catastrophes that no single superhero can face. It's about Phil Hester and Todd Nauck creating the second best superhero comic book in the universe! But man oh man are they gunning for that number one spot!

Thanks for bringing me this awesome comic even if you totally ruined any chance of doing my homework!

Sincerely,

Amanda Shaw

ps: please never kill Oliver he's too awesome to die!!

Study up, Amanda! We don't abide slackers round here.

WAIT--is this ANDREW SHAW'S WIFE?!! I MUST KNOW!

I'm officially done reading your title INVINCIBLE. I wanna say that I loved the comic truly up until the whole Conquest thing went down. Yeah. My younger brother, Julian, I did not allow to read any to gruesome images. I told him what happened. Like Oliver, killing the blue twins. I cant remember their names. But let him read the PenVinciPals. I don't want to gruesome things to come out of Invincible, i mean i LOVE THE WALKING DEAD. But when i read this i shouted at my mom: "See! Robert Kirkman isn't TOO dark! He makes kids comics too!" That was a lie. Truthfully, I want all excited to see INVINCIBLE 100 come out. I bought only one cover when i had to pick of FOUR. I read it, and hated it. Hey! A lot of people LOVE Dinosaurus, let's kill him! Let's pretend to kill Mark Grayson, then four pages later bring him back! I hated 97-100. I am really disappointed to see you say the EFF word in the PenVinciPals. I'm done. You've lost one faithful reader. 3.99 dollars a less per month to you.

Wardude999

I can't tell you my real name. Screw you.

This guy's written in before (real names show up in email headers for the most part...but don't worry, your secret is safe). We never like losing readers....but man, you sure missed out on Nolan and Thragg's slobberknocker! And that proposal! Did you see THAT coming?! But hey, thank you for your dedication to THE WALKING DEAD! We drop major MAJOR eff bombs over there!

Let me start off by saying you and your comic INVINCIBLE are the reason I

started reading comics again seven years ago. I think it's the best comic book series I've ever read. That being said, I was somewhat disappointed with Issue 100. I'm not sure what exactly it was, but I was kind of let down after all the hype over the last several months. Maybe it was buyer's remorse (I spent \$40 on this issue instead of the usual \$3 [I'm obsessive like that (are double parentheses appropriate? How about triple?!)]). Maybe this last year has been so super awesome that it only makes sense there would be an inevitable fall back to normal levels of awesome and it just happened to happen this issue. Or maybe it's Maybelline, perhaps we'll never know for sure. What I do know is that after 4+ months of teasing "the death of..." you go and kill a clone. A CLONE!! I know you said in the letters column that the whole "death of..." thing was meant to be satirical, but I just felt cheated. Don't get me wrong, I didn't actually want any of those main characters to die (except Oliver, oh Crom was I hoping it would be Oliver) but I just couldn't buy in to the satirical angle considering you yourself, Robert D. Kirkman the third, "went to the death well" when you killed TWD SPOILER not six months ago.

I feel like it's starting to sound like I hated this issue, which isn't the case at all, so let me mention some things I liked about this issue before I finish with a question. The first few pages showing the clone getting killed really had me going. I had another "TWD SPOILER" when I saw Mark's head being squished like an accordion. Even as his eyeball was running away from the rest of his head I thought to myself, "he can come back from this...right?" The return of Angstrom and Immortal was long overdue. I like that Mark is working with Cecil again. I always enjoyed the dynamic between those two. I'm even looking forward to Eve and Mark's superbaby (any chance it will be blue?).

Finally, why did you imply, rather than show, the death of Dinosaurus? Is it because he's not really dead, or is it because he has to be killed in his kid form and you didn't think it was necessary to show Invincible ripping a kid in half?

A lot of you guys were skeptical over Dinosaurus's death (just like Mark), so #101 should remove any doubt about Dino's life/death status. You know, until he comes back to life.

Congratulations on 100 issues!

Dan Olson

Thanks!

Penvincipals,

A medium amount of time reader, first time writer.

I just have to say that issue #100 is bringing INVINCIBLE back to my personal favorite era, not that this era wasn't just as amazing! We have the gore back (And instead of excite me like usual, it just made me screech at the top of my lungs as I turned every page and MAYBE had me ALMOST shed a manly tear. Until after the reveal Mark was alive pages inward. Now, it's a true beauty of art to look at!)

Mark working with Cecil, but this time under different conditions and having that slight tension will make this team up interesting.

Plus, the book was surprisingly humorous for such a dark issue! The look on Angstrom's face was utterly hilarious!

Also, the page with Mark walking out with blood all over him after he (Allegedly. I'm not buying it. I'm onto ya Robbie!) killed Dinosaurus was just pure shocking. I expected another gore fest, but sometimes, like you guys did, it's best left to the imagination.

And that final monologue by Mark actually did have me shed a tear. No comic has ever done that and I applaud the entire team, now and before, for the incredible work you've done on the book. TO ANOTHER 100 ISSUES!

Jack O'Dea

P.S. I hopped onto singles after the 14th trade and I heard there were Tech Jacket backups. Any chance they will be collected? Maybe republished as a single issue? I love me some Tech Jacket!

We're working on getting those Tech Jacket backups—and other Skybound lost gems—available digitally. I've also been bugging Robert to get a new Tech Jacket book together, so if you're down for the cause, let us know.

Yeah... let's hear it!

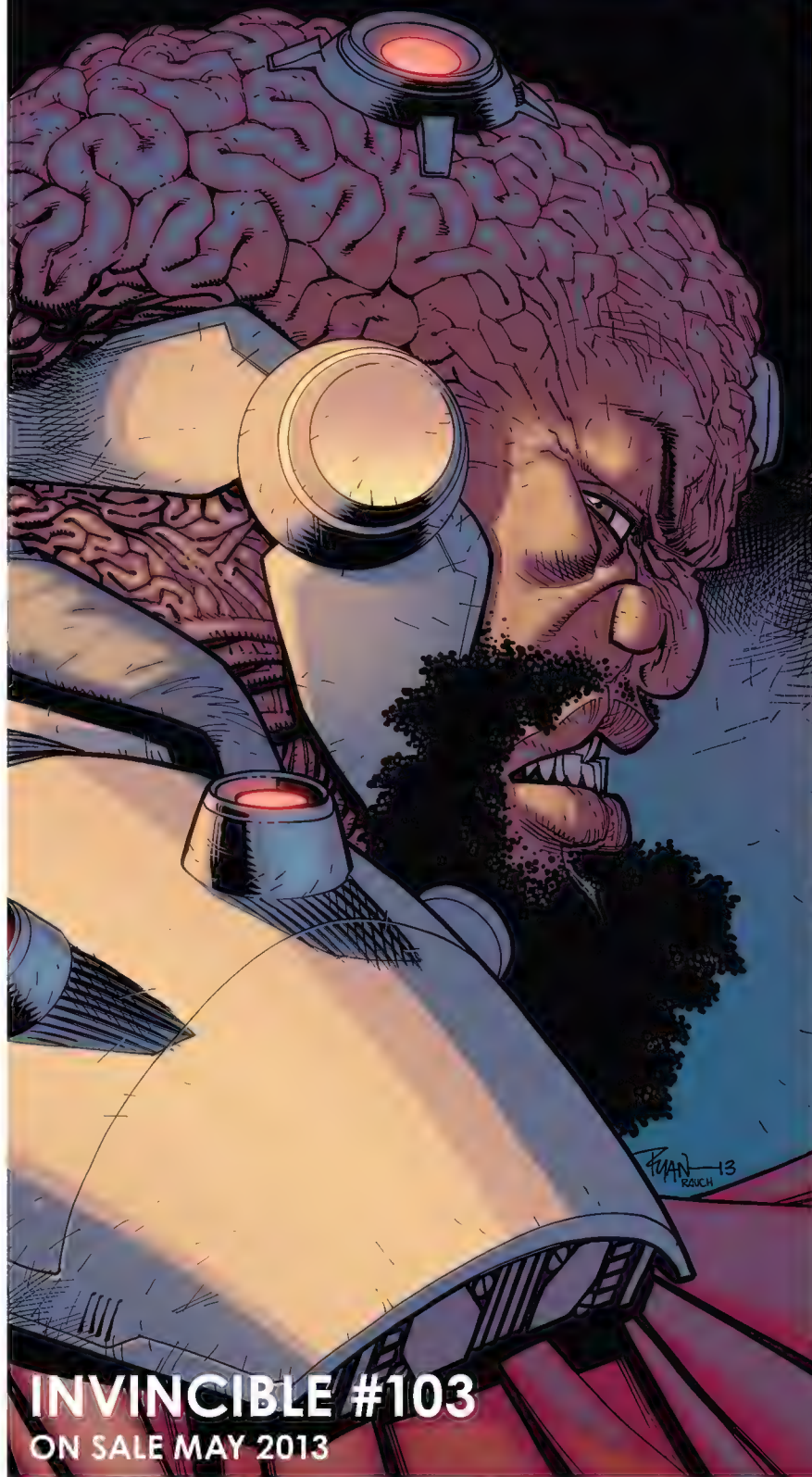
91 more letters to go! Next month... Mark and Eve learn how expensive a wedding is! Seriously, I have no idea what happens next! None!

-Sean Mackiewicz

See you all back here very soon.

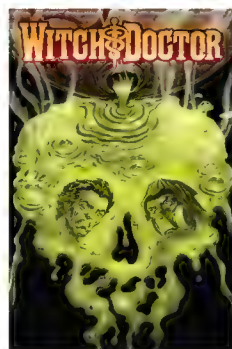
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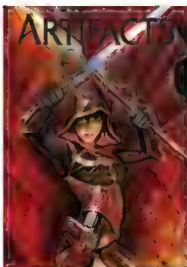


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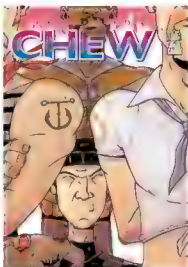
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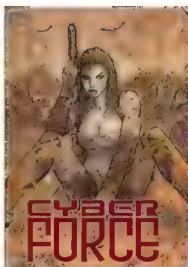
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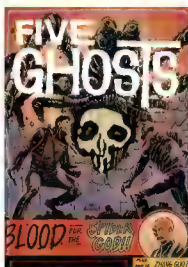
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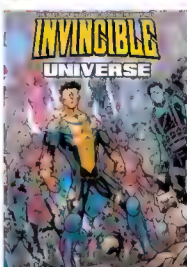
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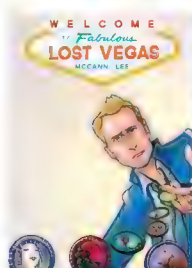
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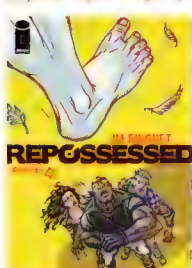
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What They're Saying About...

FIVE WEAPONS

"Five Weapons is a mini-series that's off to a great start, and one of the things I appreciate even more about it is that I feel like this could ultimately stand on its own, or also become a series of mini-series. [There's] so much story potential that Robinson could go for years, but I'd respect the former as well. Either way, though, this is a comic that you should definitely take a look at. *Five Weapons* is both fun and clever, and that's a combination you shouldn't ever pass up."

—Comic Book Resources

MARA

"Mara is one of the best limited series being released right now. Now that Mara has a strong personality this book has basically everything, a creative idea, a strong lead, some feels, some action, great art, a unique feel all its own, and a creative team that outdoes themselves with each successive issue."

—Read Comic Books

LOST VEGAS

"*Lost Vegas* is imaginative, fun, and original. It's like one of those worlds you encounter in a random episode of *Doctor Who* that exist outside of any times or places we know, but is familiar to us. It's also an wonderful look at the evolution of creators who were pretty successful the first time around, but keep coming back for more."

—iFanboy

SNAPSHOT

"The plot thickens in Snapshot as Diggle and Jock deliver a stellar second issue."
—IGN

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WHAT'S NEXT



Multi-award-winning writer Mark Millar has written some of DC's and Marvel's most popular series, but his reputation was sealed when his creator-owned series *Wanted* and *Kick-Ass* became, at the time, the best-selling creator-owned titles in the U.S. *Wanted* was adapted into a movie starring Angelina Jolie and James McAvoy and the movie version of *Kick-Ass* stars Nicolas Cage. He reunites with his frequent collaborator, artist Frank Quitely, on *JUPITER'S LEGACY* from Image Comics in April.

I'm working on a bunch of things at the moment. I've got three Millarworld books on the go at once, *KICK-ASS 3*, *JUPITER'S LEGACY*, and a third title from Image which I'll be going public with very soon with an artist I've wanted to work with for years. Outside of comics, we've just finished the *Kick-Ass 2* movie and Matthew Vaughn is just getting ready to shoot *The Secret Service*, which he's just done with the amazingly brilliant Jane Goldman.

Working with Frank Quitely, John Romita Jr, Dave Gibbons and Leinil Yu this year. No matter what I write, they make it look good. The next two artists I'm working with are guys I've admired hugely, but never worked with. That's exciting. Like a first date.

Twitter. Seriously, it's digital crack. I'm on it so much it's actually killing me. If I had a regular job, my bosses would have fired me months ago. I think I'm tweeting after every line of dialogue I'm writing. I've got no self-control. I've got opinions on everything too from Tarantino to Bieber. There's nothing @mrmillarmillar won't get into.

I've got four older brothers and they were all into comics to varying degrees at a time when it was very far from cool and they were actually quite cool guys. So they used to buy them and pretend they were buying them for their youngest brother, but I'd be standing there waiting as they slowly perused them. It was agony. The reprints here in Scotland were in black and white and I quite enjoyed ruining them by colouring them in. I couldn't find American comics very often so I'd colour up my own and PRETEND they were American comics, which always seemed incredibly glamorous to me. But in truth, they just looked like really \$#@ty American comics where the colourist somehow didn't manage to stay inside the lines.

I wasn't allowed to do art at school because I was quite academic and weirdly that was frowned upon as a semi-remedial subject, which is of course insane. So I ended up doing chemistry, physics, advanced maths and all these things that seemed very important at the time. My passion for comics seemed like a waste of time to people, but as an adult, my knowledge of inert gases, for example, is the useless stuff. I planned to be a doctor for a while and Plan B was an economist, believe it or not, after I realised I couldn't quite hack it. I'm still obsessed with economics and honestly read the Financial Times online before I read even Comic Book Resources in the morning. Most people chill out to fiction but, because we spend all day in fiction, writers like to chill out to fact.

"Would you sign this book?" It's essentially a form of vandalism, when you think about it, but the fact someone regards your work highly enough to let you deface something they've paid for and like is a very nice compliment.

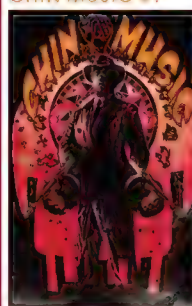
Alan Moore and Frank Miller. There have been lots of other brilliant writers who have blown me away over the years like Grant Morrison, Pete Milligan, Warren Ellis and Garth Ennis plus more recent guys like Jason Aaron and Scott Snyder. But Moore and Miller are my Mum and Dad.

KICK-ASS I think. *WANTED* changed my life in that it gave me the money to strike out and be my own boss, but *KICK-ASS*, I think, is the work I'm proud of.

I read *THE WALKING DEAD* as collections, coming to the party unfashionably late. The last actual 20 page comic? *SAGA* #8 and *THOR: GOD OF THUNDER* #4. Both fantastic. Genuinely world-class.

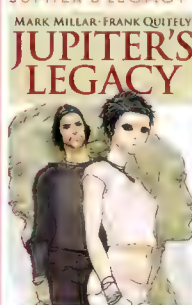
Definitely Grant Morrison when I interviewed him as an 18-year-old for a fanzine and he was doing his first big American run, *Animal Man*. I wanted to be a both writer and an artist and he suggested focusing on one as it was very hard to be successful at both. It was simple advice, but very pertinent. As a comic fan you don't always appreciate that they're two entirely different jobs. It's a rare creature who is great at both, like Frank Miller or Barry Windsor-Smith. Even getting good at one of them is a lifetime's journey if you're lucky.

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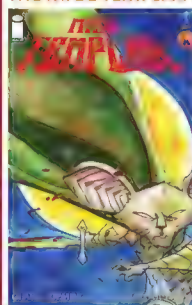
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